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ice castles

Women from Clinton III North work on their snow sculpture. The sculpture took third place in the Winter Carnival

Panel prescribes antidote for stress

A physician, a businessman, a psychologist and a psychiatrist all prescribed the same antidote for several hundred persons at Wartburg College's "Coping with Stress" convocation Wednesday.

The four panelists presented varied perspectives on stress and its causes. But when it came to counteracting stress, they agreed that self-awareness is primary.

"Self-awareness is the most significant stress reduction technique," Dr. Carl Davis, professor of counseling at the University of Iowa, said.

Davis said self-awareness refers to two things: a person's awareness of one's self as an autonomous person and a person's recognition of his or her need to relate to something beyond him or herself.

The panelists pointed to several causes of stress.

Irving R. Burling, president of Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Company, listed causes in business: the complexity of management, environments that are achievement oriented as opposed to environments that are security oriented, "turf defensiveness" of employees, administrative trivia, job secu-

rity, unrealistic expectations and obsolescence.
"I deal with stress by first trying to understand myself," he said. "This helps me keep stress in perspective.

"At times of crisis, it's easy to forget long-term goals. So I'll stop and ask, 'What is happening here?' I'll try to deal with causes of the problem, rather than simply react to the symptoms."

"I also try to anticipate change," he said, "and I'll try to anticipate reactions of other people. If I can anticipate the responses of the people I deal with, I respond less emotionally. To get a better perspective, I like to sleep on problems 24 hours.

Burling said interruptions can be a stress, so he's adapted an attitude of "here comes another opportunity" toward interruptions.

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Fall Term retention rate tops six-year mark

Wartburg's retention rate was the best in six years, according to Dr. Kent Hawley, vice president for student affairs and dean

Hawley said Wartburg's retention rate was 79.6 percent, while the national average for four-year private schools was only 71

Although the retention rate was high, he said the college still has a problem with retaining foreign students.

Hawley said foreign students have a proportionally higher rate of transfer than the rest of Wartburg's enrollment.

He said he attributes the foreign student transfer rate to two factors: recruitment and

"Our major concern is back in the foreign students' home countries where recruitment is set up for a transfer to a bigger school, Hawley said. "We are trying new recruiting materials to avoid this problem.

"Another problem we have in keeping foreign students at Wartburg is the concept of a college and a university in foreign

These two words mean the same thing in America, Hawley said. In other countries, graduates of large universities are believed to be better educated than graduates of colleges. The term 'college' is closer in meaning to high school in some countries. Many foreign students transfer to larger schools for that reason

Small schools friendlier

Hawley said students are told they should start at a smaller school where people tend to be friendlier and they can get more personal attention.

"We want foreign students to realize they can get a quality education by staying here," Hawley said. "Foreign students should not see Wartburg strictly as a transitional "We are trying to be more helpful to the foreign student. We have set up an orientation session and an adviser workshop in order to be more helpful."

Hawley said Wartburg is striving for a more positive attitude among the foreign student constituents and they are beginning to recognize the quality of the institution. Hawley added that two foreign students that transferred last year have returned for Wartburg's Spring Term

"Some of the students are finding out that general education courses are required everywhere, even at the larger schools. Students can't take courses which only apply to their major interests and get a degree," Hawley said.

Wartburg's highest retention rate is with students who graduated in the upper 50 percent of their high school class. Hawley said 89 percent of these students were retained from Fall Term.

Minority retention higher

Hawley said that the minority student retention rate has been higher over the last couple of years.

"The minority students we have on campus right now have good study habits and are well disciplined," Hawley said. "They encourage one another.

Hawley said most of the students Wartburg fails to retain are students who finished in the lower 25 percent of their high school classes and probably should not have been admitted in the first place.

Over all, Hawley said he is pleased with Wartburg's retention rate.

"If we can stay close to 80 percent when the national average for schools comparable to Wartburg is at 70 percent, we'll be happy.

Hawley attributes Wartburg's retention success to everything from "selective admission to better faculty advising to identifying students who need special skills help."

EPC sets vote for special ed program; Department suggested elimination

By JOHN MOHAN

The Educational Policies Committee (EPC), acting on the recommendation of the Education Department, will vote on a proposal to eliminate the special education program at Wartburg College Tuesday, according to junior Valerie Bruckman, special education club president.

If the proposal is approved by EPC, the faculty will make the final decision at its Feb. 17 meeting.

Bruckman said she was informed that the program would be reevaluated even though the faculty voted down a similar proposal by EPC in January 1981. Bruckman said Dr. Edwin Welch, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, told her at the beginning of the year of the possible evaluation.

Bruckman said that Welch asked all the college's departments to evaluate their programs. The Education Department brought in David Schreur, Department of Public

Instruction certification officer, and Dr. Ervin Goldenstein, of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, to evaluate the Education Department's curriculum, policies and

The result of these evaluations, according to a memorandum from Welch to the EPC, was a request from the Education Department to the Academic Planning Committee (APC) "that both the mentally retarded and emotionally disabled concentrations in the Special Education program be deleted from the curriculum and that the Early Childhood Education concentration be deleted."

Dr. Richard Stedtfeld, Education Department chairman, further clarified his department's position in a letter to Welch. In the letter, Stedtfeld wrote "In view of the declining job market in this field and the lack of an effective delivery system for pre-service preparation in so demanding a discipline,

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newsbriefs

Waverly Women's Forum will sponsor Dr. James and Laura Young Monday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The couple will speak on "Women's Wellness in Various Life Stages."

Young, who has her B.S.N., is currently the coordinator of the Wellness Program of the Health Education Department at Sartori Hospital in Cedar Falls.

A \$1000 unrestricted grant from the Sears and Roebuck Company was received by Wartburg College last Monday, Wartburg's grant is part of \$27,000 Sears will distribute to privately supported two- and four-year colleges and universities in Iowa.

The Social Work Club will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Luther Hall 105 to discuss handicap bowling

Society for Collegiate Journalists will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, in Neumann House. Initiation and fund-raising for the New York trip will be discussed.

Cedar. River Writers Festival scholarships have been awarded to four high school seniors, according to Sam Michaelson, English Department chairman. The recipients are Dan Coffie and Michael Philps of Waverly-Shell Rock High School, Sue Putzier of Osage Community High School and Charlie Sommerville of Cedar Falls High School. A fifth award will be made at a later date.

Chapel schedule for this week is:
Tuesday—the Rev. Ken Sutterling, Plainfield
Thursday—Service of Morning Prayer led by Campus Pastor Larry Trachte

Friday—Tracy Dunnington, senior Monday, Feb. 15—Dr. Donald Canfield, assistant professor of physical education

A "High on Health" fair will be in the P.E. Complex on March 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m. The fair will emphasize Wartburg's wellness program. Any organization or group of students interested in becoming involved in the fair may contact the Student Health Center offices

Reactions to stress vary; major cause identical

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'I think it is important to be able to laugh at myself and to remember that I live in an environment of forgiveness. Tomorrow is a new day.

Dr. Rick Jennings, assistant professor of clinical psychology, listed additional stress factors for students and others; the feeling that one is never caught up and the job in never finished; the push for achievement; the superimposition of problems from one environment to another, such as home problems onto school; the constant search for identity and the frustration of unrealistic expectations.

Jennings said that what is not stressful to one person can cause stress in another.

"Attitudes are the primary variable for dealing with stress," he said. "One person's pleasure is another person's

Dr. Dan Eggers, a physician at Rohlf Memorial Clinic in Waverly, also emphasized that statement.

"What is music to my son's ears can cause me stress," he said.

Eggers defined stress as the accumulated effect of daily living that tests a person's ability to cope.

"Anyone can develop stress symptoms," he said. "It's an individual response that is keyed to a person's ability to change.'

When the body faces stress, it first exhibits an alarm reaction, such as "fight-or-flight" response. When stress continues, the body enters a stage of resistance. Finally, when the body can no longer cope, exhaustion in the form of depression sets in.

Eggers said that physiologically the body first exhibits anxiety symptoms, such as fast heart rate and nervousness. Then functional symptoms occurheadache, insomnia and muscular pains. As stress continues, existing disease or former physical problems flare up. People who continue to cope for long periods of time enter stages of depression. In extreme cases, unhealthy behaviors develop, such as a turn to alcohol, drugs, smoking and over-

Self-awareness can equip a pérson to deal with these problems but Jennings said that stress reduction is time consuming.

"To counteract stress takes time," Jennings said. "Most people won't accept that dealing with their stress is valid. They respond as though it is a luxury they can't afford. Once they figure out what is good for them, they must take the time to do it."

Fuel mixtures cause older car irregularities

If your car burns regular fuel and it's been running poorly lately, the reason might be surprising. Your car might be

Tax breaks of nine to 12 cents a gallon for fuels mixed with alcohol have prompted some stations to extend the practice by adding alcohol to regular gasoline. Alcohol mixing was previously reserved for only unleaded

The new regular/alcohol gasoline, or "regohol," can be hazardous to an older car's health. Even cars burning the unleaded "gasohol" are susceptible to damage.

Professor relates problems

Dr. Donald King, assistant professor of biology, experienced some of the negative aspects of gasohol use over Thanksgiving break.

King and his family were on their way to Vermont when the car began to lose speed on an interstate highway in

Michigan.
"The car began to miss very badly, sort of lurching and bucking, then it began to lose speed until finally I had to pull over on the shoulder and stop," King said.

"After a while, I was able to start the car again and it ran fine for a while, and then it would begin to miss again.

"I would have to stop and start the car several times before I was able to get to a service station," King said.

The gas-station attendant changed the fuel filter at the carburetor, but five miles later King's 1976 AMC Hornet began to miss again.

King stopped at several other stations and the problem was believed to be anything from vacuum leaks to moisture in the distributor cap to problems with the electronic ignition. Since it was a Saturday, most stations said they could not work on the car until Monday, when parts would be avail-

The problem ultimately turned out to be a fuel filter in the fuel tank, King said.

The service station had to drop the entire gas tank, flush it and replace the filter. King said the cost was \$55.

"I started using gasohol two years ago, and had no problems until this," King said. "As a matter of fact, I thought the gasohol helped the car ping or knock once I started using gasohol." run better and start easier. It didn't

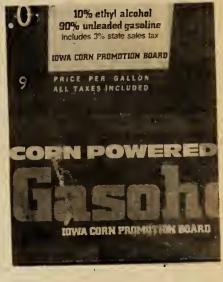
Farmers have trouble

Bill Toenjes, of the Waverly Phillips 66 station, related a similar problem encountered by a customer a month

ago.
"A farmer filled his farm tank with regonol and when he put the gas into his car, it caused several problems, and he brought it in," Toenjes said.

"The alcohol in the mixture loosened the sediment in the farm tank and his car tank," he said. "It clogged up

"We had to replace the filters at the carburetor and in the gas tank, some



fuel lines, the fuel pump and flush the gas tank with alcohol until it was clean," Toenjes said.

He said his station does not carry the regohol and he hasn't heard of anyone else in town that does yet.

"The regohol is especially hard on older cars where sediment has accumulated over several years," Toenjes said. "I really wouldn't recommend regohol to drivers of older vehicles."

No customer complaints

However, most of the service stations in Waverly that sell gasohol said they have not had customers with problems related to alcohol mixtures.

Steve Peters, of Peters' Fina in Waverly, said alcohol mixtures can also cause problems in imports.

"Many new imports are warning against using gasohol in their owner's manuals," Peters said. "Some imports also have warranties that are voided if gasohol is used."

Peters said that owners of fuelinjected cars should also stay away from gasohol.

"I own a Datsun 280Z that is fuel injected, and I constantly warn my wife never to put gasohol in it," admitted Peters.

"Even though the gasohol will clog up fuel systems, especially in older cars, the over all cleansing action is beneficial to a degree. Unclogging your car's system is costly, but it is usually better off after it's done.

"Using gasohol also makes for easier starting in the winter. Filling your tank with gasohol is like pouring a can of antifreeze, such as Heet, in with it," Peters said.

"However, if your car's engine knock or ping is solved by using gasohol, it is only a temporary remedy

"Gasohol burns cooler than regular fuel, so it can cover up some engine noises, but not fix them," Peters said. "If your engine knocks or pings with any kind of gasoline, you probably need a tune-up or some adjustments.

Engine deteriorates

Gasohol also deteriorates the rubbertipped needle valves found in the carburetors of most American-made cars,

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Program evaluation handled well

there appears to be consensus by all concerned that this program be terminated."

Bruckman responded to this statement acknowledging the trend in special education program cut backs, but she went on to point out that a 1982 job search handbook, published by the Association for School, College and University Staffing (ASCUS) shows the region in which Wartburg is located has a very high demand for special education teachers

Bruckman understood the Education Department's reason for dropping the program was the concern of offer-

ing quality programs.

"I've received a quality education," Bruckman said. "I don't think the Education Department wants to offer a quality program.

The lack of a full time special education faculty person is a big reason the program is being cut.

"We are just victims of circumstance." Bruckman said. "I was talking to Phyllis Schmidt (professor of education) and asked her, 'If there was a special ed professor, this probably wouldn't be happening would it?' She said probably not. There is no faculty support.

Bruckman added that the administration is handling the decision making process very well. She said Welch called a meeting Thursday for all interested students and 30 to 35 students attended.

"Everyone is approaching it with a positive attitude," Bruckman said. "It's being handled really well.

Bruckman said representatives from the special education club were going to meet Sunday night to write a fact sheet explaining the actions taken so far by all concerned parties. She said the sheets will be distributed in resi-

'Countering the Cults' set to promote awareness

Over three million young adults In America between the ages of 18 and 25 are affiliated with religious cult

Wartburg College will host an estimated 200 youths from northeast lowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin on Saturday, Feb. 13, for a seminar titled "Countering the Cults." The seminar is aimed at creating awareness of these cult groups.

Senior David Weiss, member of the organizing committee, said, "The seminar is designed for high school youths who constitute the majority of the target audience of the various cult groups. Our intention during the meeting is to explore the activities of these cult groups and to impress upon the youths the social, spititual and physical dangers of being potential victims.'

The one-day seminar will explain the backgrounds of popular cult groups

as the Unification Church, Charles Manson, The Way International, the Church of Scientology and Hare Krishna. Topics covered during the day will Include deprogramming, snapping, The 'who" and "why" and church response. A videotape recording of a television network special, "Kids and Cults" will also be aired.

A highlight of the seminar will be keynote speaker Kathy Hansen, who spent 6 1/2 years as a member of the Children Of God (COG) movement. Since leaving the cult group three years ago, Hansen has devoted hertime to helping former cult group members cope with the "real world." She is also editor of "Ex-COG," an informational newsletter.

Campus Pastor Larry Trachte, coordinator of the "Countering The Cults" seminar, taught a course on religious cults during May Term last year. The course is being offered again this year in May due to the overwhelming demand.

Black history week extended through February

Black History Week has been extended to a month for the first time at Wartburg in recognition of the nationally celebrated February Black History Month. Sophomore Pamela Johnson, Minority Awareness Organizatotn (MAO) vice-president, explained, "The purpose of Black History Month is to bring forth knowledge about black culture and history.

Junior Jim Moore, president of MAO, said MAO hopes the month's activities will be informative and educational for the Warturg community. He added that all the events are open to the

MAO has planned a number of different events emphasizing various areas of black culture. Tonight, the first of three video tapes will be shown. Tonight's tape will feature the Rev. Farrakan and will be shown in Luther Hall at 6:30 p.m

'The Muslim Rev. Farrakan will explain his views of christianity being a white mans' religion," Moore explained. "The Rev. Farrakan uses a poetic biblical description of Jesus to support his belief that Christ was not white but was dark, like 'burnt bronze'.

The second video tape, featuring

Alfred Moye, will be shown at 6:30 p.m., on Feb. 15, in Luther Hall. Dr. Barbara Sizemore is the speaker of the third tape, which is scheduled for Feb.

23, at 6:30 p.m., in Luther Hall.
"These tapes will inform students about black influentual figures, including women, who are accomplisheing a lot now," Johnson said.

MAO has also planned a dance for Friday, Feb. 19, the weekend of the Luther game.

Rap with MAO at the Culture House will be Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m.

"We are excited about the Rap session and think it is really important for widening student awareness," Johnson said. "It will be an informan session but will also deal with serious questions.

The annual Extravaganza is Feb. 27, from 7 until 1 p.m., in Buhr Lounge. Johnson said it will be semi-formal and will be similiar to a coffeehouse. There will be a fashion show, talent

show, dancing and food.
Spiritual Day, Feb. 28, will close
Black History Month. The Reb. Jim Moore will hold a worship service at 4 p.m., in Buhr Lounge. The Antioch Baptist Choir will also participate in the worship service.



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editorial

Program evaluation

Elimination unjustified

Here we go again.

It was at this time last year the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) began a review of the special education program. That review ended with a proposal to EPC that the program be eliminated. The EPC voted against the proposal.

Now, one year later, the EPC will once again decide whether the special education program justifies its existence. There's only one difference.

Last year the biggest supporter for the program was the Education Department. This year the proposal to EPC was sponsored by the Education Department.

The Trumpet shares the concern of the college about declining enrollments and tight financial considerations. The Trumpet even agrees with the request from Dean of the Faculty Edwin Welch's office that each department must evaluate its programs.

The *Trumpet* disagrees with eliminating the special education program because of the amount of student participation. Thursday night Welch hosted a meeting of students interested in special education. Between 30 and 40 students attended this meeting.

Several claims have been made about the usefulness of the program. The quality of the present program appears to be good. The students involved believe they are getting a good education.

In the letter suggesting the elimination, Dr. Richard Stedtfeld, chairman of the Education Department, said there was a consensus among all concerned. This statement can only be true if the "all concerned" does not include stu-

dents. The students are concerned and they have not joined the consensus. Sunday night a group of students met to develop a fact sheet. The purpose of the fact sheet is to present the arguments for and against the elimination proposal

In the above mentioned letter, Stedtfeld said the need for the special education program is declining. Once again there seems to be a discrepancy. A 1982 report compiled by the Association for School, College and University Staffing (ASCUS) shows there is a great need for special education teachers in Wartburg's immediate area.

The ASCUS handbook rated the needs for educators on a scale of one to five. A one in the report shows there is a considerable surplus of teachers while a five shows there is a considerable shortage. The area including lowa has a need for teachers with emphases in Multiple Handicapped, Mentally Retarded and Personal and Social Adjustment of 4.00, 4.40 and 4.80 respectively.

Here is a program that shows good student interest, has a relatively good demand and could very well be cost effective. Why should such a program be eliminated.

It would appear junior Valerie Bruckman, special education club president, was right when she said, "It's easy to cut a program with no faculty. No one gets hurt."

Well, she was almost right. Only the students will get hurt.

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mailbag

Offenburger addresses WOW

I thank you for allowing me space in the *Trumpet* to address the Women of Wartburg (WOW).

Ladies, it is now that I formally ask you — every last one of you female Wartburgers, bless your hearts for the pleasure of your company on Friday evening. Invoking the idiom we used when I was in college back-when, I want to "check you out."

Some background is probably in order here. Earlier this year, I saw a 1982 calendar called "The Women of Iowa State." It showed that once you talk ISU women out of their overboots, coveralls and printed scarves, they are something to behold.

A little later, I had an opportunity to review in my column two other 1982 calendars, "The Men of Drake" and "The Women of Drake." I did a review of the one featuring the Drake men and judged them to look like wimps. I declined to review the one featuring the Drake women. I explained that looking at Drake women after having seen lowa State women would be like looking at Fords after having seen Cadillacs. Then I added, "What next? 'The Women of Wartburg'?"

There was a sudden increase in my mail from Waverly. The letter that caught my attention was one that weighed about 10 pounds. It was written by four seniors — Carla Stahlberg, Candy Funk, Michelle James and Myrna Johnson — who I've now begun

calling The Gang of Four. It was signed by 212 other Women of Wartburg (WOW). What a document!

It invited/challenged me to visit Wartburg to see for myself "the Rolls Royce caliber (in beauty and brains) of the Wartburg women."

Indeed, I am coming to Wartburg for a day and evening of research on this matter. I will arrive on campus by mid-morning Friday. Members of The Gang of Four will pass me around during the day, allowing me to attend a couple of classes, introducing me to significant WOWer's, buying me an egg-cheese for lunch at Roy's. I will be making notes about you throughout the day, naturally.

Then comes my opportunity to repay you for your time and patience.

To begin our date, I propose that we all meet in the cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. It is there that I will present each of you with a small gift. It is also there, I understand, that someone wants to buy me a cream pie and feed it to me. Julie Schipper of the Muscular Dystrophy Dance Committee has told me I should be prepared to take my pie in large portions, and that's okay by me. Golly, I haven't had any pie for months — my wife won't let me eat it anymore.

Well, anyway, after this dessert, we can decide where to get back together for the night portion of our date, I would like to have all of you accompany continued on page 5



Chuck Offenburger. "Looks like a Studebaker, thinks like a Mercedes."

Banishment for bunny-killers

Dr. John Freie is afraid to visit the dorms on a Friday or Saturday night. He thinks that the hunters have brought their guns to school with them and that one of them is going to get drunk and blow some poor soul away. Freie doesn't want his life in the hands of an inebriated bunny-killer.

That's what your basic hunter around here shoots, isn't it? Bunnies? And birds? I had a friend who shot a cat once, but that was purely out of

aye! there's the rub

frustration. I don't think he does it on a regular basis, though he had a dead cat in his freezer once. He told me that it belonged to a neighbor and that they wanted to keep it somewhere until the ground thawed in the spring so that they could bury it.

Getting back to it, I don't suppose that there are supposed to be guns in the dorms, but I'll bet there are. My brother, Jim, had a few in his closet at the University of Iowa (where they were overcome by mildewed clothes). While I was glad to get them out of our home, I wasn't too mollified to

see Jim shoving them into his MG.

I'd heard about Jim's hunting trips. There was the time when Jim, a golfer and a basketball player headed to Ames for a game against lowa State. Their idea of "getting a little hunting in on the way" was to shoot out of the windows of a Monte Carlo. Somehow that didn't fit my conventional image of hunting: men sitting around the woods at dawn in green jumpsuits while making duck sounds.

Still, I was awfully glad to get the guns out of the house. My father has a warped sense of humor. In my adolescence, guys would occasionally be inspired to come and knock on my window in the middle of the night. I never woke up, but my father always did. For the fun of it, he'd go searching through the darkened house for the guns. My mother had long since hidden the shells from him, but he simply wanted to go stand on the porch with the shotgun in his hands.

After the young man had retreated, my father would wake me up to share in the fun. I'd groan (loudly) and fall back asleep again while trying to imagine how I could possibly explain it to the kid the next day. I came up with things like, "Well, you know, it was rough on Dad in Korea."

But, generally, these nocturnal episodes didn't shake me up. What shook me up was when we'd go visiting relatives in Northwest Iowa and the men would decide to go spend a day hunting

On one trip, they all decided to meet in a appointed cornfield (which is all that Northwest lowa consists of). While they were pulling their guns out of their cases, a pheasant flew through the center of the group. Lethal weapons swung

Jim turned around and found himself looking

straight down the barrel of Uncle Larry's gun.
"If I'd moved," Jim said, "I swear he'd have shot

Knowing how Uncle Larry felt about the length of Jim's hair at the time, I've always been surprised that he didn't shoot him.

Which is why, of all the Constitutional rights, the right to bear arms strikes the most fear into my heart. Oh, it was a nice little law back when we were defending our homes and slaughtering -- protecting ourselves from Indians, but I think it's aged beyond its practicality.

Still, there are those who insist that we need our guns to protect the country from an attack. Fine, if you're so hot to protect the country, you can always enlist. They'll let you play with guns.

For the conservationists who kill for the sake of preserving the equilibrium of animal life, put your gun money into national projects for bunny sterilization.

And for those of you who kill little animals simply for the fun of watching them die, take a trip down to your local animal shelter. They'll probably let you watch them gas homeless kittens and puppies.

Then the dorms would be safe for Freie.

Believe it or not, Vice President makes headlines

By BILL MARTIN

George Bush got his name in the news last

It wasn't too startling, as he is our vice president and should be doing things occasionally that remind us he's still there, but it was the first time in a while that we'd heard about him.

He made headlines last March arguing with the secretary of state about the line of presidential succession, and last October, when he threw out the ceremonial first pitch at a World Series game. This time his car got hit by a rock.

Not a large rock by any means, just your everyday rock that can somehow be projected from a nearby construction site into the side of a chauffeured, builet-proof (also rock-proof, I would think) limousine.

Needless to say, the impact of said rock upon said limousine made quite a bit of noise, and after eliminating the possibility of a flat tire, someone decided it must have been a bullet.

So the limo sped away, leaving the FBI to spend the rest of the afternoon looking for the spent

is this really necessary?

bullet while the television cameramen did their best to get in the way.

Unable to find a bullet, it was determined the thing that hit the car was a rock. They found plenty of rocks.

Assassinating a vice president is a little out of line, anyway.

Other than a bunch of crazy Libyans, Red Briga-

diers or Alexander Haig, I can't think of anybody that would be interested in it.

Vice presidents, I hate to say, are a dime a dozen.

Look at Walter Mondale, Spiro Agnew and Lyndon Johnson, for example. Their accomplish ments amount to, respectively, nothing, conviction, and nothing, although LBJ managed to come up with Vietnam a little later.

Sure, they're fun to have around because somebody has to travel through the country defending the president's economic policies and attending the funerals of foreign dignitaries, but most of their time is spent sitting around waiting for the boss to go to that great executive office in the sky.

My favorite vice president used to practice trip-

ping, bumping his head and hitting people with golf balls, so that he had all three perfected by the time he became president.

Good old Jerry Ford. Whatever happened to

He wasn't the greatest vice president and he certainly wasn't the best president, either, but he made life interesting - by tripping, bumping his head and hitting people with golfballs.

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me to the wrestling match. (Great date, huh? Well, it beats the movie scheduled that night.) I'm told this is Wartburg vs. Luther — sort of the Super Bowl of Lutheran wrestling in Iowa. Hey, something just occurred to me. This is men's wrestling, isn't it? Oh well, if it's not and some of you ladies have to shower afterward, I'll wait for you.

Then we will stroll over to Joe's Knighthawk to finish off the evening.

Oh, I must remind you that in one way, we are going to pretend all this is happening at Central College in Pella. What way? We're going Dutch.

Finally, watch my columns Tuesday and Thursday in the Register. I intend to have a few things to say about Wartburg — including some tips I've received from certain Men of Wartburg (MOW) and then I will allow my wife a little space to tell you all what kind of date she thinks I am. My research findings on the Women Of Wartburg will appear in Sunday's Register.

Now, perhaps I've not handled this invitation just exactly properly, and if that's true, I beg your forgiveness. See, I've never invited out a whole campus

Chuck Offenburger, Iowa Boy, Des Moines Register

Snow policy confusion clarified by Dean

I understand and appreciate the interest of the Trumpet and of all students and faculty members in our snow policy. Any responsibility for miscommunication on this issue is mine, and not the Page or anyone else.

Our snow policy is relatively simple. We have a general rule that we will have class despite the weather because 85% of our students live on campus and a similarly high percentage of our faculty

members live in Waverly. We do not, however, expect commuting faculty members or students to endanger themselves by attempting to come to the college during extreme weather conditions, and we will not punish them for not coming. In other words, we will have classes for those who can make it.

The only conditions which will prompt an exception to this policy would be a situation in which holding classes would present a physical danger to most students and faculty members. For example, if there is an extreme wind chill factor and/or severe blizzard conditions, it is dangerous for students to walk from one corner of campus to the other. If there are impassable drifting conditions on roads when students would be returning from a break, it is not appropriate to expect them to return.

trust that this does communicate our policy more clearly.

Edwin H. Weich, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty

Michael Murphey set for concert in Neumann Aud

Country music composer and singer Michael Murphey will perform in Neumann Auditorium Thursday, March 11, according to senior Jack Salzwedel, chairman of the Student Activities Committee.

Salzwedel said the concert will begin at 7 p.m. John Bailey, a popular college performer, will be the opening act. Bailey presents a reggae, calypso

Salzwedel said 1,500 tickets will be available for \$2 for Wartburg activity card holders and \$6 for all others.

Murphey is perhaps best known for his songs, "Wildfire" and "Carolina in the Pines." He also had a part in Woody Allen's "Manhattan." A song that Murphey composed, "Hard Country," inspired a new motion picture of the same name. "Hard Country" stars Jan-Michael Vincent, introduces Tanya Tucker and features Murphy and his back-up band, "The Great American Honkey Tonk Band."

Murphey now lives in New Mexico with his wife and son. In order to write and compose, Murphey moved from



Michael Murphey

New York because he knew he needed the wilderness and open space to be creative

Tickets will go on sale in mid-February in the north cafeteria line.

Wartburg grad returns for Black history appearance

Keith Barrow, a 1974 Wartburg graduate, will perform in concert in Buhr Lounge Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 8 p.m. in recognition of Black History Month. There will be no admission charge for the concert.

Barrow will also give a presentation at 10 a.m. in the Music Auditorium of the Music Building. He will speak on his experiences in professional music life in New York.

At 5:15 p.m., he will attend a dinner with the Minority Awareness Organization (MAO) in the Conference Room of the Union.

Barrow graduated from Wartburg with a major in psychology and holds a master's degree in educational psychology from the New York University.

Barrow has contributed material to

Moore, Impact and Blue Magic. He has also recorded three albums: "Keith Barrow," "Physical Attraction" and "Just As I Am." These albums yielded the hits: "You Know You Wanna Be Loved" and "Turn Me Up."

In order to develop his vocal technique, Barrow studied under David Collyer, Collyer, a vocal instructor in New York, has also worked with Liza Minelli, Bette Midler and Melissa Man-

Barrow has a diverse family background. According to a Capitol Records Inc. press release, his father is a former British Honduras labor leader and his mother is a vice president of Operation PUSH. Barrow has been involved with the work of the late Dr. Martin Luther King and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Artist Series

Acting Company returns to perform Shakespeare

The Acting Company, the offical touring arm of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, returns to Wartburg Sunday, Feb. 14, with Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

The Artist Series program was originally scheduled for Feb. 7, but the date was changed to accomodate a shift in the company's tour.

The St. Valentine's Day performance will begin at 8 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

Tickets will be available at the box-

The Acting Company last performed here in 1978 when it staged Shakespeare's"Romeo and Juliet." That marked the second time in two years it had appeared on the Wartburg Artist Series stage. In 1977, it did Berthold Brecht's "Mother Courage."

Founded in 1972 by John Houseman, then head of the Theatre Center of the Julliard School in New York, and Executive Producer Margot Harley, the Acting Company is the only theatre company in America dedicated to the development of young American actors.

It was first known as the City Center Acting Company and was sponsored by the New York City Center of Music and Drama.

The present day company consists of 17 actors and actresses drawn from

leading professional theatre programs and regional theatres in the country, including Julliard, Yale, Carnegie-Mellon, The Goodman and others.

Since its founding, it has performed a repertory of 36 plays in 178 cities, in 39 states, before more than 735,000 people after traveling more than 175,000

Mel Gussow of the New York "Times" said the company was "a young and always vibrant company. It is clear that the Acting Company has been deeply replenished with emerging ta-

Its productions have won a number of prestigious awards and nominations. including two Tony and six Drama Desk Award nominations, an Obie Special Citation for Outstanding Achievement and the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award.

Former company members have gone on to successful careers on Broadway, in films and television.

Last year, it inaugurated its Key Cities program, with which it initiated its new affiliation with the Kennedy Center. The Key Cities residencies are made possible through the efforts of the Acting Company, the President's National Advisory Committee of the Kennedy Center and the local pre-

Alcohol/gas mixture more common because of tax breaks

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according to Peters.

Even with the drawbacks, Peters said he expects more and more stations to start using alcohol mixtures in order to reap the benefits of the tax break.

"The problem is, stations are required to have a sticker on the premises which states what fuels are mixed with

alcohol. However, they are not required to have the stickers on the pumps, so customers don't always know what they are buying.

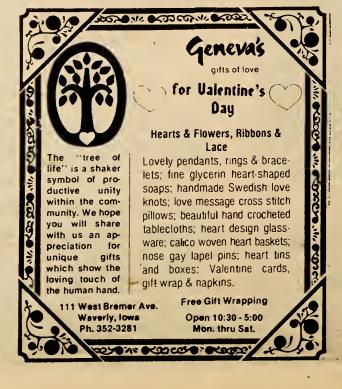
"I would advise drivers to start asking service-station attendants if their gas is mixed with alcohol, especially people who have older cars. Asking before you buy could save you a lot of money for repairs later," Peters said.

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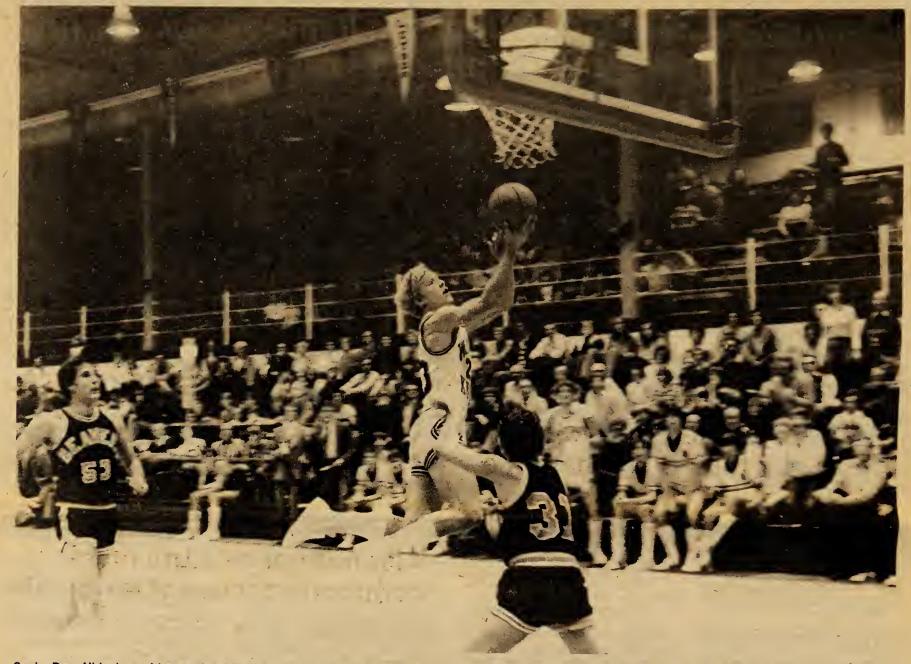


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Senior Dana Uhienhopp drives against a Buena Vista defender on a fast break. The Knights avenged an early season loss to the Beavers, 71-60

Knights back in Conference race

By DAN RUND

Coach Lewis "Buzz" Levick and the Knights are now in serious contention for the Iowa Conference title with two impressive league victories against the Norsemen at Luther and the Beavers from Buena Vista at home Saturday night, while defeating St. Ambrose in a non-conference game Friday.

Unfortunately, the Knights will be without the services of junior guard Bobby Garris, who broke his wrist and will be lost for the remainder of the season.

"I jammed it in the first game of the year against Northwestern and a few more times throughout the season, then jammed it again against Central, had it x-rayed and found out it was broken," Garris said. "A bone specialist gave me the okay to practice, but said I was done for the season."

A season-long starter for the Knights, Garris was averaging eight points a game.

In the two loop victories, Wartburg handed Luther their first conference loss of the year when senior Tony Burbach's off-balance shot with three seconds left in the game gave the Knights a 54-53 win

"It was a one-handed, off-balance hook shot from 18 feet," Burbach said. "There were three seconds left when it left my hand and those were my only points of the game."

Luther's Doug Kinzinger, who led the Norsemen

with 16 points, had put his club ahead 53-52 with a driving bank shot with 1:02 left in the game.

Junior Mark Merritt led the Knights with 20 points and senior John Dickkut added 14.

Wartburg dammed up a Buena Vista offense led by Anthony Lott, the league's leading scorer. Junior forward Greg Schmitz pumped in 23 points to lead the Knights to a 71-60 loop victory that put the Knights back in contention for the conference title and avenged and early season loss to the Beavers.

Lott scored 36 points in that game, but a tough Wartburg defense held him to 16 the second time around.

Beaver guard Craig Lickiss scored 10 of Buena Vista's first 18 points, and finished with 18 for the game.

The Knights led 34-28 at halftime, then built leads as big as 15 points during the second half. The closest the Beavers got was nine, at 52-43.

Merritt added 15 points and Dickkut chipped in 13 against the Beavers, who fell to 3-5 in loop play and 7-11 overall.

"We're now a contender and sitting nice in the league," Burbach said. "We've got the respect of the rest of the league now, and we have the desire to win it all."

"If we can win the next three games, it will tell the

story going into the Luther-Dubuque weekend," (Feb. 19-20) Schmitz said.

The Knights stung the fighting Bees of St. Ambrose in a non-conference game Friday night, winning the contest 101-80.

Wartburg built leads as big as 25 points and never trailed in the contest, leading by 19 at halftime.

The Bees cut the deficit to seven points before the Knights pulled away, allowing Levick to clear the bench.

Burbach was the only Knight who failed to score in the contest.

Merritt and sophomore Dan DeVries both had 23 points, junior Steve Schultz had 16 and Dickkut added 13.

The Knights shot 65.1 percent from the field and 67.9 percent from the charity stripe.

Schmitz paced the Knights with 10 caroms. Wartburg out-rebounded the Bees, 42-29.

Wartburg, now 5-2 in conference action and 13-5 over all, will entertain William Penn tomorrow night in the final make-up game, then hit the road to play Penn on their home court in Oskaloosa and Upper lowa at Fayette Saturday night.

The final home games of the year will be Feb. 19 and 20 against Luther and Dubuque, respectively.

The Knights will end their season the following weekend with games at Central and Simpson.



Coach Liz Wuertz helps her team work out before their meet against Grinnell. The Knights took first place at the meet.

Women take first place at Grinnell

The women's track team opened their indoor season with a first-place finish at a triangular held at Grinnell Saturday.

The Knights scored in every event except the two mile relay, winning the meet with 59 points.

Grinnell was second with 51 points, and Loras a distant third with 19.

"Because it was our first meet, we were quite pleased to come out the way we did," Coach Liz Wuertz said. "Although all the girls on the squad could not make the trip to Grinnell, everyone we did take scored, and that depth helped."

The Knights finished first in seven

Sophomores Julie Harding and Becky Ebert were both double winners, Harding won the long jump with a 15'9" leap and the 60-yard dash in a school record 7.51 time, breaking the old record of 7.7 seconds, set by Mary Sojka in 1979.

Ebert won the high jump at 5'2" and the 60-yard hurdles with a 9.73 time.

Harding and Ebert were also members of the winning 880-yard relay team, which included junior Carlene Schipper and sophomore Melanie Kvamme, and took first with a 2:02.1 time.

Freshman Cari Niemeyer won the 440-yard dash in 1:10.46.

The Knights also won the mile relay

The Knights' second place finishers included sophomore Beth Buckley, with a 5' effort in the high jump; junior Karla Steere in the shot put, 33'3"; sophomore Sue Ceynar in the 40-yard dash with a 1:11.1 time, and Schipper, who finished the 220-yard dash in

Ann Reinheimer in the long jump and 60-yard high hurdles, Jane Brosen in the two-mile run and 880-yard run, and Rondi Lund in the mile run.

Fourth place finishers were freshmen Cheri Abel in the 880-yard run and Sue Hansen in the 220-yard dash.

'We're still just starting out, trying to figure out just what everyone's best events are," Wuertz said. "I was pleased with the performance of Karla Steere, who hasn't participated in track for two years, as well and the freshmen performances of Reinheimer, Niemeyer, Brosen and Lund. This meet gave us some confidence and I think we'll do a little better this Friday.'

The Knights will host a four-team meet this Friday, running against Grinnell, Loras and Dubuque.

Knights finish third at meet; **Wuertz pleased**

The men's indoor track team finished third at a quadrangular in Grinnell Saturday.

Grinnell won the meet, with 86 1/2 points, Loras was second with 84 1/2. The Knights were third with 64 and

lowa Wesleyan finished last with 11

Sophomore Scott Smith won two events, the two-mile run, in 9:38, and the 1000-yard run, in 2:23.5.

"I have to say with thirteen guys we did real well," Coach John Wuertz said. "I don't see how we could have done any better at this point in the

Junior Brad Smoldt won the shot put with a 45'2" toss. Brad Knutson won the 880-yard run in 2:03.8. Senior Mike Boender won the 440-yard dash in 52.4, and the 880-yard relay team (Boender, junior Dennis Washington, freshman Clark Thyng and sophomore Kirt Warner) finished first with a 1:38.5

The Knight's second place finishers included sophomore Tim Walljasper in the shot, Boender in the high jump at 6'2", Thyng in the 660-yard run in 1:21.6, and the mile relay squad (Boender, Washington, sophomore Brian Sauerbrei and junior Bill Puffett) in

Third place finishers were Washington in the 60-yard dash and Knutson in the mile. Warner was fourth in the 60yard high hurdles, as was Puffett in the 880-yard run.

"I was pleased with the way Smith and Knutson ran, and with Smoldt's and Walljasper's performance in the shot," Wuertz said. "Boender also had a good day, both in the 440 and the high jump, and he ran a good split in the mile relay.'

The men's next met will be Friday. Wartburg will play host to Coe, Loras, Grinnell, and Dubuque.

The field events are scheduled to begin a 6 p.m. and the running events at 7 p.m. Friday.

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Turnovers, shooting cost Knights

Turnovers and low shooting percentages resulted in a pair of weekend losses for the women's basketball team.

The Knights shot 23 persent from the floor and committed 19 turnovers in losing, 64-50, Friday to St. Ambrose, and shot 27 percent clip and threw the ball away 24 times to drop a 89-55 decision to Northwestern Saturday.

Wartburg's only victory of the the week came Tuesday night against Luther, a 59-51 win decided by freethrows.

Both teams had 23 field goals, but the Knights converted on 13 of their 28 shots from the line while Luther made five of just nine freethrows.

De Kempcke had 21 pints and 19 rebound for Luther.

'We played extremely well against Luther. It helps when you're playing a rival team," Coach Kathy Meyer said. "Dose and Diane Smith played well, and (sophomore) Leah Lindeman did a super job coming off the bench."

Lindeman had five points and seven rebounds.

Whatever it was the Knights used to beat Luther disappeared after Tuesday, the losses to St. Ambrose and Northwestern giving the Knights a sub-.500 9-10 season record.

Donna Ettel led the Bees with 18 points and Lynda Talley added 11 points and 16 rebounds, while Diane Smith led the Knights with 13 points and seven rebounds.

Dose had 11 points and 11 rebounds. The Bees led 36-19 and the half, and committed just one turnover.

Northwestern took a commanding 56-27 lead into the locker room, after shooting a torrid 62 percent in the first

Nine of the ten players on the NW roster scored, five of them in double

Jill Anderson has 21 points, Pat



Sophomore Brenda Smith works to move the ball after two Luther defenders corner her. The Knights outshot Luther, 59-51

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Kauls had 16, Marcia Winterhof had 14 and Jill Christensen and Judi Nagaaid each had ten.

The Knights also had nine players in the scoring column, but Dose was the only one in double figures, with 13.

Sophomores Roxanne Jedlicka and Sue Lynch each had nine points.

"For some reason in both games we

started off flat," Meyer said. "Our shooting percentage was terrible, the pasing wasn't good. Something hit us in both games, we weren't up for either of them and the ball just wouldn't fall."

The Knights will play Westmar at LeMars Friday night and Dordt and Sioux Center Saturday afternoon and will also be a host to the district playoffs scheduled to begin Feb. 17.

B. Smith 3, 0-0, 6; Lynch 0, 3-4, 3; Gray 2, 1-2, 5; Bollum 2, 4-9, 8; Dose 8, 1-3, 17; D. Smith 6, 0-1, 12; Lindeman 2, 1-4, 5; Swanson 0, 3-4, 3: Team 23-54, 13-28, 59.

Behrer 4, 0-0, 8; Orwoll 0, 0-1, 0; Hagg 0, 0-0, 0; Kincaid 3, 0-0, 6; Schomburg 4, 0-0, 8; Kempcke 9, 3-4, 21; Turner 0, 0-2, 0; Burry 2, 2-2, 6; Turner 1, 0-0, 2: Team 23-68, 5-9,51.

Team fouls: Wartburg 17, Luther 27. Fouled out: Dose, Orwall, Schomburg. Score at half: Warburg 21, Luther 20.

Koop 0, 4-4, 4; B. Smith 1, 2-2, 4; Lynch 1, 2-2, 4; Gray 1, 2-3, 4; Bollum 1, 0-1, 2; Dose 3, 5-6, 11; D. Smith 3, 7-8, 13; Lindeman 3, 2-2, 8:

Team 13-56, 24-28, 50.

St. Ambrose

Dalton 1, 0-0, 2; Ettel 9, 0-0, 18; Clark 3, 1-2, 7; Rudin 3, 0-0, 6; Sundbeck 6, 0-0, 12; Talley 3, 5-6, 11; Henn 2, 0-0, 4; Hankameier 2, 0-0, 4:

Team 29-71, 6-8, 64. Team fouls: Warburg 10, St. Ambrose 20. Fouled out: Henn.

Score at half: St. Ambrose 36, Wartburg 19.

Wartburg

Koop 3, 1-2, 7; Fisher 0, 2-4, 2; B. Smith 0, 0-0, 0; Lynch 1, 7-8, 9; Gray 2, 0-1, 4; Bollum 2, 0-0, 4; Dose 4, 5-8, 13; Jedlicka 2, 5-6, 9; D. Smith 1, 3-6, 5; Lindeman 0, 2-4, 2:

Team 15-56, 25-39, 55.

Northwestern

Christensen 5, 0-2, 10; Nigaaid 5, 0-0 10; Smith 0, 0-0, 0; Kuper 1, 0-0 2; Blair 0, 4-7, 4; Haverdink 3, 2-4, 8; Winterhold 5, 4-6, 14; Oltman 1, 2-2, 4; Kauls 6, 4-4, 16; Anderson 10, 1-1, 21:

Team 36-81, 17-26, 89.
Team fouls: Warburg 20, Northwestern 29

Score at half: Northwestern 56, Wartburg 27.

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Dual record upped against Simpson

By KEVIN BASKINS

Wartburg's wrestling team upped their dual meet record to 4-4-1 Wednesday night with a 37-16 victory over Simpson in Waverly and finished fourth at the All Lutheran Tournament at Decorah Saturday.

Wartburg used pins from freshman Keith Leinhard, senior Mark Arjes and sophomore Jay Bean to drop Simpson to a 3-8 dual meet record for the year.

The Knights fell behind 11-0 early in the match when freshman Bing Miller lost a 118 pound major decision 18-6 to Gary Freese and freshman Martin Starkey was pinned in 1:50 by Bob Kreese in the 126 match.

Sophomore Mike Hogan then scored a major decision over Randy Utely, 16-4, at 134 and Leinhard flattened Doug Adams in 1:30 at 142 to put Wartburg back in an 11-11 tie with Simpson.

Mitch Anderson scored the Redmen's last five points of the night with a 20-0 major decision over freshman Joe Baumgartner in the 150 pound weight

Senior Ryan Able decisioned Mark Calahan 8-1 at 158 and Arjes put Wartburg ahead for good with a pin in 1:42 over Steve Brown in the 167

Freshman Scott Ruhnke beat John

Trullinger 20-2 at 177, freshman Roger Pagel won by forfeit at 190 and Bean pinned Mike Hayes in 4:30 at heavyweight to complete Wartburg's scoring for the night.

Arjes and Hogan finished first and second respectively to lead Wartburg to a fourth-place finish at the All Lutheran Tournament at Decorah Sat-

Augsburg won the team championship with 121 points, Augustana (Rock Island) finished second with 117, Augustana (Sioux Falls) finished third with 82, Wartburg finished fourth with 78, Concordia Moorhead finished fifth with 69, Gustavus Adolphus sixth with 54, Luther seventh with 53, and St Olaf eighth with 7 points.

Arjes posted three match wins to

capture the 167 pound championship.
Arjes' victories, 8-2, 10-3 and 8-5
decisions, moved his record to 22-3 for the year.

Hogan won his first match 13-2, then lost 15-6 in the 134 pound final match. Hogan's record is at 14-9 for the year.

Bean won his first match at heavyweight, lost the second by pin won the third with a 4-1 decision, then defeated teammate junior Scott Becker, 3-2, in the semi-final match.

Bean, who finished third, and Becker, who finished fourth, have identical 16-6 records on the season.

Able finished fourth at 158 and Ruhnke at 177 and Leinhard at 142 finished fifth to round out the number of Wartburg wrestlers who finished in the top five of their respective weight classes

Miller finished seventh at 118 and Starkey eighth in the 126 pound class.

Wartburg Coach Dick Walker said the Knights wrestled a good tournament at Luther, but said they could probably have finished third.

Walker cites Arjes and Hogan as both having wrestled well.

"Leinhard also wrestled well, better than his placing shows," Walker said. "He lost one very close match,"

With the conference less than two weeks away, Walker said his team "Is about where we want to be."

"We have a lot of young kids who have wrestled well at times and poor at others," Walker pointed out. "Our freshmen have been up and down all year. Pagel, Ruhnke and Leinhard have really shown a rapid improvement this

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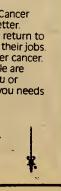
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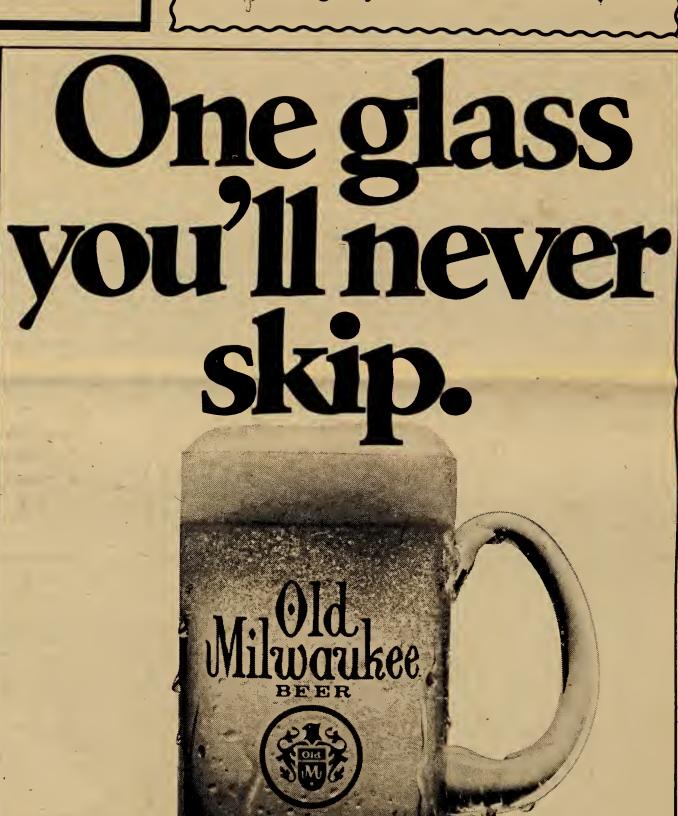
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Unsung heroes provide pep

Volunteer band gives energy to games

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They're the unsung heroes of Wartburg sporting events. You won't read their names in the paper or recount their performances the next day with your friends.

Yet without them something is missing; the atmosphere is different and the players don't go through their warm-up paces with as much enthusiasm

They are the Wartburg pep band, and if you think their role is being over-emphasized, talk to the coaches.

Football Coach Don Canfield will tell you how important the pep band is in getting his team to an "emotional peak" before a game.

Ask Basketball Coach Buzz Levick if the band is important, and you'll probably just get a smile. Buzz helps pick out songs for the pep band to play that will fire up his team.

Senior Bob Miller, this year's pep band director, likens himself to a coach.

"I select the songs we play, make up practice schedules and spur the members on," said Miller.

Miller has been a member of the Wartburg pep band for four years and was a member of the Dysart High School pep band for four years.

Miller said he enjoys pep band but admits there are several headaches involved.

"Since playing in the pep band is voluntary, our membership really fluctuates from game to game," said Miller. "I never know who or when people are going to show up for practice or games.

"On games scheduled for the middle of the week, many members miss because they have to study for tests. On weekends, people miss because they have other plans," Miller said.

"We're lucky if we get to practice an hour a week. So little practice along with people not showing up regularly makes it tough for us to learn new songs and have consistently good performances," Miller added.

Despite the problems, Miller says that pep band is enjoyable.

"Just when I think that no one is listening to us, I'll start getting compliments on how well we play," said Miller."That really gets me up and makes me want to work all the harder."

Miller said directing the band has been a good

experience for him.

"Since I plan to be a music instructor, I will be directing more bands in the future. Pep band has given me more of an insight on how to get things done." Miller said.

Miller said his main goal is to have a good, solid pep band that is well rounded in every section by the end of the year.

"I think another aspect of pep band that I enjoy is the input I get from the coaches," said Miller.

"Canfield gave us little pep talks before the home football games. He emphasized how much the players enjoy listening to us while they warm-up nad how important we are in getting them fired up for games.

"Levick always wants us to play a cheer song from Michigan State because it fires up the team. We also are supposed to play 'Sweet Georgia Brown' during one of the passing drills and even the crowd gets enthusiastic for that.

"Aside from the 'Star Spangled Banner', the Fight Song and the Loyalty Song, we also have one other tradition the crowd loves. We play 'Dragnet' when the 'mafia' enters for the Luther game."

Win or lose, sporting events just wouldn't be quite the same without the efforts of Bob Miller and the pep band.



